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FOR LAMBRAKIS

E.O. 11652: GDS

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SUBJ: VC-10 HIJACKING: TUNISIAN FONMIN ASSESSMENT

REF: TUNIS 7382

1. REQUEST YOU CONVEY TO JAMES CRAIG INFORMATION PASSED TO ME BY FONMIN CHATTI TO EFFECT THAT GOT DID GIVE IN TO TERRORIST REQUEST FOR GUARANTEES (REFTEL). I TOLD CRAIG, BASED ON LISTENING TO CONVERSATIONS OVER VOICE RADIO, THAT NEITHER BELKHODJA NOR ABU IYAD HAD ACQUIESCED IN TERRORIST DEMANDS FOR GUARANTEES. CRAIG SENSED, HOWEVER, THAT TERRORISTS MUST HAVE KNOWN SOMETHING THAT WE DID NOT KNOW WHEN 8AM DEADLINE ROLLED AROUND MONDAY MORNING, SINCE BELKHODJA SEEMED TERRIBLY RELAXED BETWEEN THIS DEADLINE AND POINT AT WHICH HE FORMALLY REPLIED TO FEDAYEEN DEMANDS AT 8:25 AM. CHATTI REVELATION SUGGESTS THAT CRAIG WAS RIGHT.

2. HAVE GIVEN TO BRITISH EMBASSY HERE COPY OF TAPE RECORDING OF VOICE RADIO EXCHANGE DURING CRUCIAL NEGOTIATIONS MON MORNING. OTHER TAPES HAVE BEEN CONFIDENTIAL

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